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SUBJECT: (SPA) MATERNITY CLINIC PROJECT AND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO FAMILY, PLANNING EXPERT AND FAMILY PLANNING MATERIALS

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1. ON FEBRUARY 10, BURUNDI'S MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DR. JOSEPH NINDORERA, AND I SIGNED SPECIAL SELF-HELP PROJECT ENTITLED "LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO THE MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH CENTER FACILITIES AND TO THE PARAMEDICAL TRAINING CENTER IN GITEGA". THE US WILL CONTRIBUTE DOLS 60,000 TO THIS PROJECT WHICH BEARS IAA NUMBER 6 695 510. THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO REPAIR AND UPGRADE TREATMENT AND WARD FACILITIES AT THE MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH CARE CENTER, AND CLASSROOMS, AND LABORATORY, AND DORMITORY FACILITIES AT THE PARAMEDICAL TRAINING CENTER. THE EMBASSY WILL MAKE AVAILABLE MATERIALS ON MODERN TECHNIQUES FOR FAMILY PLANNING AND ON SPACING OF BIRTHS AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AT PARAMEDICAL CENTER WHO WILL IN TURN EXERCISE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED THERE IN WORK AT RURAL MATERNAL-CHILD HEALTH CARE CENTERS. ORIGINAL COPY IAA IS BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.

2. DURING APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS WHICH HAVE PASSED SINCE EMBOFFS HAD COMPLETED NEGOTIATING THIS PROJECT, A
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GROWING NUMBER OF BURUNDIANS, AND THE GRB ITSELF, HAVE BECOME MUCH MORE AWARE--AND VOCAL--ABOUT FUTURE

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SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH WILL RESULT FROM UNCHECKED POPU-
LATION GROWTH. THIS WAS ONE OF THE MAIN THEMES OF
JANUARY 26-30 GOVERNMENT SPONSORED SEMINAR, ATTENDED BY
ALL EIGHT PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, DISTRICT CHIEFS,
REGIONAL AGRONOMISTS, AND ADDRESSED BY MOST GRB MINISTERS.
AGRICULTURE MINISTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WARNED OF FAMINE AND
ECOLOGICAL DISASTER RESULTING FROM FAST GROWING POPULATION
EXPLOITING TOO LITTLE LAND, WHICH IS FAST BEING
WORN OUT AS EVIDENCED BY FALLING AGRICULTURAL PROCDUCTIVITY
THROUGHOUT BURUNDI. THESE VIEWS WERE AIRED DAILY OVER
GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED RADIO AND IN UPRONA PARTY'S SEMI-
OFFICIAL PRESS, WITH SOME ALLUSIONS MADE ABOUT HERETO-
FORE TABOO POSSIBILITIES OF CHILD SPACING AND EVEN FAMILY
PLANNING.

3. GENERAL CONCENSUS OF SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS WAS
THAT OWING TO DEEPLY ROOTED TRADITIONS, MAJORITY OF
BURUNDIANS AT PRESENT WOULD BE READY TO ACCEPT ONLY CHILD
SPACING AS A FAMILY PLANNING METHOD. AS CONSERVATIVE AS
THIS MAY SEEM, IT REPRESENTS MAJOR BREAK WITH FORMER
RESOLUTE GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION TO FAMILY
PLANNING IN ANY FORM. THIS PUBLICLY ENUNCIATED
BREAK WITH TRADITIONAL POSITION THUS MAY PRESENT EMBASSY
WITH EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE GRB WITH INFORMATION
AND EVENTUALLY PERHAPS TO HELP PLAN AND LAY FOUNDATIONS
FOR DESPARATELY NEEDED FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM IN
BURUNDI.

4. HEALTH MINISTER NINDORERA ASKED EMBOFFS AGAIN DURING
FEB 10 SIGNING CEREMONY, FOR FAMILY PLANNING LITERATURE
(IN FRENCH) SPECIFICALLY PERTAINPNG TO CHILD SPACING.
THEREFORE, WE ARE REPEATING OUR PREVIOUS (UNNANSWERED)
REQUESTS, PER REFTEL, BUJUMBURA 685, FOR FAMILY PLANNING
INFORMATION, IN FRENCH, FOR USE WITH (1) SOPHISTICATED
WELL-EDUCATED MEDICAL PERSONNEL; (2) LOCALLY TRAINED NURSES,
PARAMEDICS, AND MIDWIVES; AND (3) UNEDUCATED PEASANTS.
ADDITIONALLY, WE WOULD LIKE DEPT'S GUIDANCE SO THAT EMBASSY
CAN RESPOND TO RESIDENT WHO DOCTOR'S REQUEST CONCERNING
AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS CONCERNING HEALTH, NUTRITION,
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AND SANITATION WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR PEASANT
AUDIENCES IN FORM OF FILMS, SLIDES, AND MOVIES, ETC.

5. PROBABILITY IS ALSO HIGH THAT EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE FOR
VISIT OF POPULATION EXPERT, WHO WAS OFFERED TO EMBASSY
PER REFTEL STATE 209565, AND WHOSE PRESENCE WOULD BE
WELCOMED BY HEALTH MINISTER. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER
INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE YOU COULD GIVE US ON THAT
ACCOUNT, AS WELL AS CURRENT AVAILABILITY OF FAMILY
PLANNING FUNDS AND PROGRMAS WHICH MIGHT BE SUITABLE

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